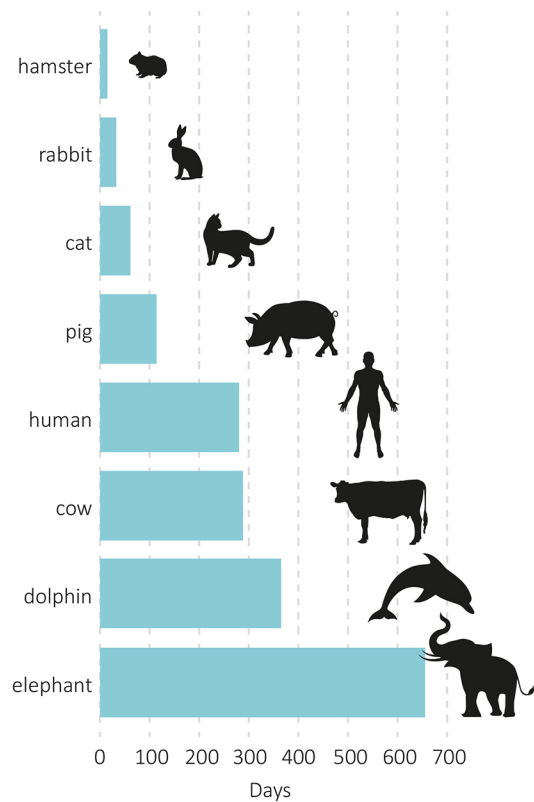


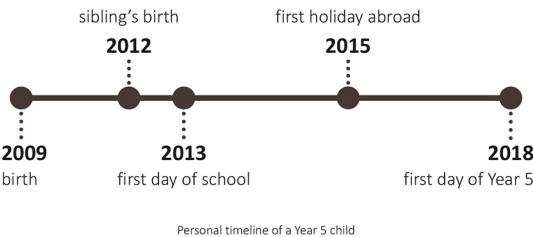
### The gestation period

A gestation period is the length of time that a female mammal carries her offspring inside her body, before giving birth. The length of gestation is different for different mammals and is affected by the size of a mammal. Larger mammals usually have longer gestation periods than smaller ones. The chart below shows the gestation periods of different mammals.



### Timelines

Timelines are used to show change and development that has happened over time, such as improvements in technology or historical time periods. People also make personal timelines that show their own, or their family's, history.



### Time quotes

Many people have written about the importance and passage of time.

*'The time is always right to do what is right.'*  
**Martin Luther King Jr**

*'It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time.'*  
**Steve Jobs**

*'Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.'*  
**William Shakespeare**

*'It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it.'*  
**Seneca**

*'If time travel is possible, where are the tourists from the future?'*  
**Stephen Hawking**

### Glossary

acne	Spots that usually appear on the face and neck, especially during adolescence.
adolescence	The stage in someone's life when they are developing from a child into an adult.
egg	A female cell that might develop into a baby if fertilised with sperm from a male.
fertilise	To cause a baby to develop by joining a female egg with a male sperm cell.
growth spurt	A rapid increase in weight and height.
life cycle	A sequence of important changes or events that happen to living things during their life.
mammal	An animal where the female feeds her young on milk from her body.
offspring	A person's baby or child, or the young of an animal or plant.
period	The bleeding from a woman's uterus that happens once a month when she is not pregnant.
puberty	The time when children develop into adults and become capable of having children.
reproduction	The production of offspring by humans, animals and plants.
retire	Leave work because of age or ill health.
sperm	A male cell that can combine with a female egg to produce a baby.